

**29.16(b) INTERFERENCE WITH A [SPORTING] [OR]
[ENTERTAINMENT] EVENT**
§ 871.05, Fla. Stat.

To prove the crime of Interference with a [Sporting] [or] [Entertainment] Event, the State must prove the following [two] [three][four] elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

Give if § 871.05(2)(a), Fla. Stat. is charged.

- 1. (Defendant) [intentionally touched or struck (victim) against [his] [her] will] [or] [intentionally caused bodily harm to (victim)].**
- 2. (Defendant) did so during a covered event.**
- 3. At the time, (victim) was a covered participant.**

Give if § 871.05(2)(b), Fla. Stat. is charged.

- 1. (Defendant) willfully [entered] [remained] in a restricted area.**
- 2. (Defendant) did so without being authorized, licensed, or invited to [enter] [remain] in that restricted area.**
- 3. (Defendant) did so during a covered event.**

Give if § 871.05(2)(c), Fla. Stat. is charged.

- 1. (Defendant) willfully [entered] [remained] in a venue.**
- 2. (Defendant) did so without being authorized, licensed, or invited to [enter] [remain] in that venue.**
- 3. (Defendant) did so during a ticketed covered event wherein attendance exceeded 5,000 persons.**

Give if § 871.05(3)(c), Fla. Stat. is charged.

- 1. (Defendant) solicited [another person] [(name of person solicited)], by offering money or any other thing of value to:**

2. – 4. Insert the relevant appropriately worded three elements above.

Give as applicable.

"Covered event" means an athletic competition or practice, including one conducted in a public venue, or a live artistic, theatrical, or other entertainment performance event. The duration of such event includes the period from the time when a venue is held open to the public for such an event until the end of the athletic competition or performance event.

"Covered participant" means an umpire, officiating crew member, player, coach, manager, groundskeeper, or any artistic, theatrical, or other performer or

sanctioned participant in a covered event. The term includes event operations and security employees working at a covered event.

"Restricted area" means any area designated for use by players, coaches, officials, performers, or other personnel administering a covered event that is on, or adjacent to, the area of play or performance.

§ 777.04(2), Fla. Stat.

To “solicit” means to command, encourage, or request another person to engage in specific conduct.

Lesser Included Offense

INTERFERENCE WITH A [SPORTING] [OR] [ENTERTAINMENT] EVENT — 871.05(2)

CATEGORY ONE	CATEGORY TWO	FLA. STAT.	INS. NO.
None			
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Comment

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